Letter of Credit as it found that clearance of Ministry of Defence was required for procurement and dissemination of satellite data less than 5.0 M resolution. It was informed by NRSA and ISRO that Department of Space would be the nodal agency for procurement and supply of high resolution data. Ministry of Defence have accorded clearance to APSRAC for digitization of unrestricted topographical maps already published by Survey of India under existing parametres and conditions. As regards other map sheets, they have been advised to obtain required digitized data from Survey of India.

Dowry Deaths

†344. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of incidents of harassment of new brides for dowry, instigating them to commit suicide and killing them by their-in-laws in Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab which occurred since January, 1999;

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government are considering to make the present laws more stringent in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Information received from National Crime Records Bureau in this regard is given in the statement (annexed). *(See* below)

(b) to (d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments emphasising the need to take measures in order to check the menace of crime against women. The measures suggested by the Central Government include, *inter alia*, appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers setting up of Women Cells in police stations, wider recruitment of police officers and gender sensitisation training to police personnel. The Central Government has also been stressing upon the State Governments the need to ensure implementation of the existing laws, both in letter and spirit, and to bring about an awareness in the general public about the law/instructions regarding anti-dowry and other connected matters. The media is being used to project the positive role of women in society. Section 304 B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 provides for stringent punishment for dowry death. At present, there is no proposal to amend this Section.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

STATEMENT

INCIDENCE OF CRUELTY BY HUSBAND AND HIS RELATIVE AND DOWRY DEATH DURING 1999

S. No.	State/UT	Cruelty by Husband & his relatives	Murder for Dowry by burning	Murder for Dowry by other means	Dowry Death by burning	Dowry Death by other means	Total Dowry Deaths
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Haryana	1084	2	9	116	129	256
2.	Himachal Pradesh	255	0	1	0	2	3
3.	Punjab	545	8	17	68	80	173
4.	Delhi	93	14	7	48	64	133

SOURCE :MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS

INCIDENCE OF CRUELTY BY HUSBAND AND HIS RELATIVE AND DOWRY DEATH DURING 2000

S. No.	State/UT.	Cruelty by Husband & his relatives	Murder for Dowry by burning	Murder for Dowry by other means	Dowry Death by burning	Dowry Death by other means	Total Dowry Deaths
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Haryana	197	0	0	11	22	33 (upto Mar. 2000)
2.	Himachal Pradesh	75	1	0	0	1	2 (upto Apr. 2000)
3.	Punjab	265	9	2	21	36	68(upto May. 2000)
4.	Delhi	26	0	5	16	17	38 (upto Apr. 2000)

SOURCE: MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS